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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

PUBLIC NOTICES

IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

New Delhi, the 17th August 1968

Subject.—Import Policy for spare parts for agricultural tractors and tractor driven agricultural implements [S. No. 74(iii)/V] for the April 1968—March 1969

No. 169-ITC(PN), 68.—Attention is invited to the import policy as it existed against S. No. 74(iii)/V in Sections II and III of the Import Trade Control Policy (Red Book Vol. I, 1968, V, h, 67) according to which import of high carbon steel plain discs of 18", 18", 20", 22", 24" and 26" is not allowed.

The Commission has been reviewed and it has been decided that import of high carbon steel plain discs of sizes 17", 19", 21", 22" and 25" will also not be allowed during the current period—April 1968—March 1969. The remark 2(b) against S. No. 74(iii)/V in Section II and in Part 2(b) against S. No. 74(iv)/V in Section II in the Import Trade Control Policy (Red Book—Vol. I) for April 1968—March 1969 may therefore be deemed to have been amended to read as under:

“Notwithstanding the plain discs of sizes 16" to 26"

SUBJECT.—Imports from U.S.A. under the U. S. Aid Commodity Program Assistance, 1968 (AID Loan No. 386-H-160)—Minimum value of individual shipments premissible.

No. 170-ITC(PN)/68.—Import licences issued towards the end of 1967 onwards under AID Loan No. 386-H-160 subject to the terms and conditions of Public Notice No. 116-ITC(PN)/68 dated the 11th August, 1968, as amended from time to time carried an additional stipulation to the effect that single shipment for a C.I.F. value of less than Rs. 41,250 will not be permitted.

2. Importers holding such licences have represented that as they have many small-valued requirements to be obtained from different U.S. suppliers, authorised for import under the licences, it is difficult to import in single shipments of C.I.F. value of not less than Rs. 41,250 in compliance with the said stipulation.

3. The importers are required in such circumstances to arrange with one of the suppliers to coordinate supplies by collecting materials and the prescribed documents from the various other suppliers on advance payment and shipping the entire material in one consignment under a single invoice of value of Rs. 41,250 or more, without charging any fee for the services rendered either directly or indirectly. However, as the raising of the minimum permissible limit of the value of individual shipments to Rs. 41,250 (C.I.F.) is recent, it is recognised that importers may be unable to immediately adjust to the new condition. Having regard to this, and in view of availability of funds to some extent under AID Loan No. 386-H-168 to which the limit of Rs. 7500 for a letter of credit applied, it has been decided, as a temporary and partial solution to the problem, to permit importers to place individual orders of value Rs. 7500 or more in relaxation of the said stipulation, subject to the following conditions, provided the licences are valid upto 31st December, 1968.

- (i) In the case of all items other than proprietary spare parts where orders can be placed only after compliance with the Notice to U.S. Business Procedure, the facility of placing individual orders of value Rs. 7500 or more, and arranging shipments in relaxation of the said condition will be available only if the Notice to U.S. Business procedure has already been complied with and the bid closing date fixed does not fall beyond September 15, 1968.
- (ii) In the case of proprietary spare parts, where waiver of the Notice to U.S. Business procedure is admissible the requests for waivers involving placement of individual orders of value Rs. 7500 or more in relaxation of the said stipulation should be submitted complete in all respects to the Department of Industrial Development (AID Section) so as to reach them latest by the 7th September, 1968. If the spares involved are *prima facie* proprietary and the requests are submitted in due date, complete in all respects, indicating the names of the equipments for which spares are needed, names and addresses of their original manufacturers, the details of spares proposed for import for each equipment with item-wise quantity and the equipment-wise estimated dollar cost of spares proposed for import, the Department of Industrial Development (AID Section) will process them promptly in consultation with the AID Mission, New Delhi and communicate their decision, if received in time, by the 21st September, 1968.
- (iii) Importers' requests to the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) for authorisation to open letters of credit must reach that Ministry latest by the 30th September, 1968. Authorisations will be issued by that Ministry wherever the applications and the bank guarantees are in order.
- (iv) Shipments must be completed latest by the 30th November, 1968. No grace period will be permissible. Payments to the U.S. suppliers must be completed by the 13th December, 1968 at the latest.

4. There is also no objection to importers, who have already obtained authorisations to open letters of credit, with the stipulation that individual letters of credit and shipments of value less than Rs. 41,250 (C.I.F.) will not be permissible in the hope of arranging co-ordinated supplies as indicated in the preceding the paragraph, approaching the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic

Affairs) subject to the same conditions for conversion of the letters of authorisation to Loan No. 386-H 168 permitting placement of individual orders of value Rs. 7500 or more.

5. The amounts for which authorisations are sought under Loan No. 386-H-168 in relaxation of the stipulation relating to the minimum permissible value of a single shipment should be kept down to the minimum, covering only those essential requirements where coordination of supplies as explained in paragraph 1 above is not possible. If the amounts quoted by importers are not reasonable with reference to the circumstances of the case, the requests of importers are liable to be rejected. Similarly, incomplete or defective applications for waivers of the Notice to U.S. Business procedure and authorisations for opening letters of credit will not be entertained.

6. The stipulation imposed on the licences to the effect that single shipment for a C.I.F. value of less than Rs. 41,250 will not be permitted will be deemed to have been waived to the extent of the value of authorisation letter for opening letters of credit issued by the Ministry of Finance under AID Loan No. 386-H-168 in pursuance of this Public Notice, but the validity period of the licence to the extent of the said value will now be limited to the 30th November, 1968 inclusive of grace period. No specific amendment will be carried out on the individual licences. They will automatically stand amended to the extent as indicated above.

7. No requests for extension of any deadline dates stipulated above will be entertained. Importers should particularly note that the time limits for shipments and payments to the U.S. Suppliers stipulated above will not be relaxed under any circumstances and that, therefore, the facility of placing individual orders for Rs. 7500 or more in relaxation of the stipulation regarding the minimum permissible value of a single shipment under this Public Notice cannot be availed of unless they are certain of adhering to the prescribed time limits. Shipments or payments not made in time will be at the risk of the importers.

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